(c) in if so, when the decision was implemented; and

(d) that is the total amount deposited in the said fund in the preliminary stage together with the sources from where the same has been mobilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBP1 IK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) An idea of cretion of a Food Processing Development Fund was mooted by the Department of Food Processing Induslries with a view to facilitate credit to food processing sector in a fo cussed manner. The creation of the Fund envisages financial issues of very complex nature,necessitating discussions with financial institutions, Banks, etc. The discussions are underway to consider all aspects of this issue.

Control and Licensing of Milk Industry

4879. SH, RI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is fact that after milk and milk products which are under Open General Licence now, the control and licensing of milk industry is redundant;

(b) if so, whether Government are seriously considering abolition of MMPO under the nt;w circumstances;

(c) if so, when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) whether the n£;w policy of free import of milk and milk products will hit the domestic industry and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE 5 IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN(YADAV): (a) There seems to be no linkage between milk and milk products under Open General License and licensing of milk industries.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Milk and I Milk Product Order, MMPO envisages registration of dairy plants with mi)re than 10,000 litres per day capacity.

(d) The decision of bringing milk and milk products from restricted list to free list has been necessitate :d in view of the commitments of the Government of India to the World Trade Organisation for phasing out items from restricted list to free list. The new policy is not likely to affect the domestic industry.